

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES January 8, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
Morgan Smith, County Counsel
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principle subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, The Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing on January 8th, 2024 at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM located at 850 Main St Dallas. The purpose of the Public Hearings is to gather public comments in regards to the consideration of placing a Fairgrounds/Event Center local option tax on the May 13, 2025 ballot.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be holding a public meeting on January 8th, 2024 at 9:00 AM located at 850 Main St Dallas. The purpose of the public meeting is to designate a Hearings Officer hold a public hearing and receive the staff recommendation, hear testimony and receive evidence, and make a decision in regards to an application for a Solid Waste Transfer Facility Franchise.

3. COMMENTS

Robert Greenway provided public comment in regards to the issues he has with the Polk County DA's Office.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 18, 2024

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF December 18, 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. PUBLIC MEETING – SOLID WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY FRANCHISE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Pope stated that we were here today to designate a hearings officer to receive the Administrators recommendation to approve a solid waste transfer franchise, hear testimony, review evidence and make a decision. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, provided background information on this topic for the record and explained the recommendation. Commissioner Gordon stated he appreciates the due diligence from the staff and partners working on this issue.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO DESIGNATE A HEARINGS OFFICER FOR THE SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE APPLICATION.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – FAIRGROUNDS/EVENTS CENTER LOCAL OPTION TAX

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, provided background information on this topic and stated that the Board held a meeting on December 12th, 2024, signing Resolution No. 24-13 in order to initiate this process.

At 9:13 AM, Commissioner Pope opened the hearing to public comment.

No one made any public comment.

There no need for an executive session and Commissioner Pope recessed the meeting until 6:30 PM.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – FAIRGROUNDS/EVENTS CENTER LOCAL OPTION TAX

At 6:30 PM Commissioner Pope resumed the BOC meeting and opened it up to public comment.

Tim Ray shared his support for the Tax Levy.

Commissioner Pope stated that we received a letter of support from Lena Calef and he read it into the record.

Commissioner Pope closed the public comment portion of the meeting and closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Mordhorst shared his support for this levy and how valuable the fairgrounds is to the community. Commissioner Gordon agreed with Commissioner Mordhorst and shared his support for this levy as well. Next, Commissioner Pope shared his support of the levy and explained why this is important for the fairgrounds.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT STEPS ON PUTTING THE LOCAL OPTION TAX ON THE MAY 2025 BALLOT

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a) Polk County Resolution No. 25-01, In the matter of designating regular public meeting times and dates
- b) Polk County Order No. 25-01, In the matter of designating official newspapers for publication of County public notices

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unavailable to sign

Craig Pope, Chair



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: January 15, 2025